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COUNCIL OF REGIONAL LIBRARIANS TO MEET

The Council of Regional Librarians will meet next on September 15 and 16 in Wolfville. The agenda includes: discussion of a replacement for the National Library's Multilingual BiblioService; core statistics; and freenet issues.

MINISTER MEETS WITH LBANS

On Wednesday, September 7 a meeting was held between Education Minister John MacEachern and the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia. Discussion focused on library funding but many other topics were discussed such as municipal reform, municipalities opting out of regional library services, amalgamating school board and regional library services, and the massive debt load of the Nova Scotia government. There was acknowledgement that inequities exist in the current provincial library system and that there are various ways to address this issue. LBANS asked for further discussion in the following areas:

- - removal of the clause in the Libraries Act which allows libraries to withdraw from a region with notice;
- - creation of a uniform minimum service level for libraries;
- - discussion of methods to create equity among the regional library systems;
- - consideration of the functions of a newly constituted Provincial Library Council.

The dialogue was very positive and will be followed up with another meeting on October 4 after the Minister consults with Departmental staff.

PROGRESS OF ONE STOP CENTRES

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In Yarmouth, a public tender call will soon be issued for 2,600 square feet needed to house six staff of the One Stop Centre and three staff of the Yarmouth Business Service Centre. Occupancy is not expected before December. In Kentville, tenders closed with a call for occupancy no later than December 1. In Sydney, a November 1 start date is planned and ACOA/Enterprise Cape Breton are seeking a downtown site. The federal government is taking the lead in Sydney and is planning an office similar to the Canada/Nova Scotia Business Service Centre in Halifax. In Truro, site negotiations are underway and occupancy is not likely before November 1; while in Bridgewater, the One-Stop will be located in the new federal building on Dufferin Street.

Two directories are being developed as part of the service offered in the One-Stops and as tools for the Centre staff to use when answering inquiries.

The Business Approvals Directory will contain information on the necessary permits, licenses and approvals one must acquire to undertake or support a business venture. The Programs and Services Directory will contain information on government programs and services supplied by federal, provincial and municipal government offices. Full- time resources have been dedicated to completing the directories and a consultant has been retained to guide the team through the development process. Thirty staff have been selected and training is currently being planned.

MINISTER GETS WIRED

NSTN Inc. and the Minister of Education, the Honourable John MacEachern, are pleased to announce "Dear Minister MacEachern:", a listserv providing an electronic forum for discussion of education-related matters. The Minister will use this forum for maintaining contact with teachers, school administrators and the general public. For the first time, the Minister will have quick and direct contact with those interested in education in Nova Scotia. Beginning September 1, you can subscribe to the listserv by sending a message to listserv@nstn.ca containing the following in the text: subscribe ns-education For example, subscribe ns-education John MacEachern. To post messages, send them to ns-education@nstn.ca.

PRECONFERENCE WORKSHOP ON FUNDRAISING

The Provincial Library is sponsoring the NSLA Preconference Workshop to take place September 30, 1994. Janice Hayes, Director of Client Services, CNIB National Library will be speaking about fundraising techniques. Janice has a great deal of experience in the why's and how's of raising funds for library services. See the NSLA conference brochure for more information.

FREENET UMBRELLA GROUP

The date and time of the Group's meetings to be held at the Provincial Library have been changed in an effort to allow those with busy daytime schedules to attend. The new time is 5:00 PM, Wednesday,

September 14, 1994. Program plans are now getting underway for the Umbrella Conference for Freenets to be held at the Agricultural College on November 25 and 26, 1994. Anyone interested in receiving information on meeting activities, mailing lists, Draft Terms of Reference for the Umbrella Group, etc. should contact Carole Compton-Smith by e-mail (ccompton) or by calling 424-2474.

RAY KURZWEIL SPEAKS IN HALIFAX

Ray Kurzweil addressed the National CNIB Conference on September 11, 1994 with The Nature of Information Technology. You may recognize Mr. Kurzweil as the recipient of the Winston Gordon Award for Technological Advancements in the Field of Blindness and Visual Impairment. He is also the founder of the Kurzweil Reading Machine and the author of " The Age of Intelligent Machines". In his speech, Mr. Kurzweil discussed how disabilities can be overcome in the future as digitization becomes commonplace. He referred to Moore's Law several times stating that computing speed and density double every 18 months. Verified since the beginning of the century and still holding true today, this means an exponential increase in computer power or some new computer revolution every 18 months. It is this development of capacity which will contribute to the artificial intelligence of the 21st century. A videotape of the speech is being sent to Provincial Library and will be included in the Professional Collection.

STAFF SHORTCUT TO NCOMPASS

For those who log in to NcompasS using a barcode name and password, a shortcut for quicker access can be easily created. Open WordPerfect on the PC where you usually access NcompasS. Create a document containing the following information (exactly as given):

- wait 1
- type "multilis^M"
- wait 1
- type "work^M"
- wait 1
- type "^M"
- wait 1
- type "80x^M" (80x would be replaced with your own barcode name)
- :exit

Once you've typed this information in WP, use "save as" and save the document as ASCII (DOS) text in your "qvtnet" directory, calling it "amulti.scr". Alternatively, you can create the file using the DOS editor, if you prefer this method.

Once the file has been created, access NcompasS by clicking on "Wnqvtnet", "Terminal" and "RS6000" as you normally do (changing the IP port # to 4375). Then simply click on "File" and "Script file". Find the "amulti.scr" file and click on it twice. You will be logged in automatically, only having to enter your

password. Try it - you'll like it! If you have any questions, contact Leslie Foster (lfoster).

GOPHERS GALORE

Library staff may be interested to know that the Wilson Library Bulletin is now operating a gopher. It is accessible by pointing your gopher to: gopher.hwwilson.com (see article below on pointing your gopher!). The gopher will make available a selection of past articles about the Internet and libraries, the table of contents for the upcoming issue, and the WLB editorial (Brazen Overtures). Also, an electronic version of "Public Libraries and the Internet: Study Results, Policy Issues, and Recommendations" funded by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is now available online. Gopher to: ERYX.SYR.EDU/ NCLIS to see it.

POINTING YOUR GOPHER

While mother may have told you that it's rude to point, it comes highly recommended on the Internet. If you've been instructed to "point your gopher" to another site and didn't know what that meant, here's what you need to do. Using NSTN's Hgopher, choose the menu item "Bookmarks" and "Show Bookmarks". Then click on "Bookmarks" again and "Create Bookmarks". Enter the following in the dialogue box: Description: A name of your choice Host: gopher.hwwilson.com (for example) Port: 70 Click on "Okay" or press Enter. When you want to use your new bookmark, click on "Bookmarks","Show Bookmarks" and click on your new item.

PROFESSIONAL READING

This and future issues of the DISS will feature brief descriptions of some new titles acquired for Provincial Library's Professional Collection. Provincial Library's acquisition list will be discontinued. In this issue, we are spotlighting two audio cassettes from the 1994 Canadian Library Association Conference.

1) Aspects of Goodness by Thomas Childers. Richmond Hill, Ont. : Audio Archives of Canada, 1994. (Prof 021 .7 Chi) - Prof. Thomas Childers of the College of Information Studies at Drexel University, Philadelphia has done a great deal of research, teaching, writing and consulting which has focused on quality library service. In this CLA lecture, he defines quality service and describes how to achieve and maintain it. In this lecture, he describes what he calls "Service Effectiveness Factors". You may also wish to consult the recent book "What's good? Describing Your Public Library's Effectiveness", also by Childers and Nancy A. VanHouse (Prof 021.7 Chi).

2) Libraries and Internet : Technophoria or Technophobia by Charles McClure. Richmond Hill, Ont.: Audio Archives of Canada, 1994. (Prof 021 .65 McC) - Prof. McClure of the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, speaks on the importance of being connected to the ever- growing Internet. He discusses the ways in which libraries can use the Internet to their maximum advantage. --Frank Oram (foram)

"WHALE OF A TALE" WINNER ANNOUNCED

On August 30, as part of the Summer Reading Programme, the Minister of Education drew the name of Danielle Cox of Dartmouth as the winner of two whale-watching tickets donated by Brier Island Whale and Seabird Cruises. We were also very pleased to see that about a minute of footage shot at the draw made it to the news on MITV.

BARCODING BLITZ

The lengthy process of barcoding Provincial Library's collections began on September 2 when many staff members at PL pitched in to help "blitz" the Talking Books collection. Other collections will be completed in the near future. As soon as items are barcoded, use of the multiLIS circulation module can begin.

"KELUSULTIEK" LAUNCH

The Art Gallery at Mount Saint Vincent University, Friday, September 16 is the setting for the launch of the new book "Kelusultiek : Original Women's Voices of Atlantic Canada". The book is unique for two reasons: it is the first collection of literary works by indigenous women of Canada's east coast; and it is the first literary publication for the Study of Women at Mount Saint Vincent University. While most of the seventeen contributors have not previously been published, some well known artists such as Rita Joe and Shirley Bear are also represented. The launch begins at 7:00 PM.

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That's it for this issue. Stay tuned . . . .

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